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Broadband Services through Cable TV Infrastructure
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to use cable TV infrastructure for broadband delivery in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost broadband penetration in order to ensure success of 'Digital India' programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Telecom service providers are free to provide broadband services through any media such as Optical Fibre Cable, Copper Cable, Cable TV network and wireless depending on techno-commercial feasibility.14,75,228 subscribers are being provided broadband services on cable TV network as on 31st December, 2016. However, Government is examining various issues related to facilitating broadband service by using Cable TV infrastructure.
(b) BharatNet is planned to create network infrastructure for providing100 Mbps broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (approx. 2,50,000) in the country in two phases. 1,00,000 GPs are targeted to be covered in Phase-I and the balance 1,50,000 will be covered in Phase-II.
Through various auctions conducted for sale of spectrum from the year 2012 to the year 2016, a total of 1893.75 MHz spectrum has been allotted to telecom service providers, which can also be used for provision of wireless broadband.

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